

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action it was required that Figs. 10A-10I of the Drawings be labeled --PRIOR ART--. Submitted herewith is a separate communication forwarding a substitute Sheet 11 of the Drawings which includes the required --PRIOR ART-- designation.

In that Office Action the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 in view of two specific deficiencies which have now been corrected. Particularly, the term "low" which was objected to in Claim 1 has been deleted, and as suggested by the Examiner, the term "solid film" has been changed to --solid layer--. Accordingly, it is believed that the claims are now in compliance with the terms of 35 U.S.C. §112.

The claims were also rejected as being obvious in view of the Ozaki reference when considered with the admitted prior art. By this response, however, the claims have been amended, and they are now believed to be allowable over the prior art. In particular, Applicant submits that Ozaki does not disclose the formation of a hydrophilic film on a head member, formed in the manner of Claim 1. Claim 1 requires the four steps of forming a solid layer, forming a hydrophilic film on the solid layer, forming a head member on the hydrophilic film, and exposing a surface of the hydrophilic film by removing the solid layer. By these means the claimed invention facilitates the manufacture of a head member having a hydrophilic substance disposed only on desired portions thereof. Applicant submits that the method of the Ozaki patent is incapable of forming a hydrophilic film at only predetermined portions of a head member.

For all these various reasons it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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